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Attachments: EE Prescribed Fire Final Guidance - August 2019.pdf

Greetings:

I am happy to announce that EPA is releasing a non-binding guidance document titled “Exceptional Events Guidance: Prescribed Fire on Wildland that May Influence Ozone and Particulate Matter Concentrations (*Prescribed Fire Guidance*).” This guidance is intended to assist air agencies in preparing demonstrations for prescribed fire events that satisfy the requirements of the Exceptional Events Rule. I have attached the document to this email and you will also find it on our exceptional events webpage at: <https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/final-2016-exceptional-events-rule-supporting-guidance-documents-updated-faqs#guidance>.

Consistent with the December 2018 Executive Order on Promoting Active Management of America’s Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, EPA and its Federal partners support the promotion of healthy and resilient forests, rangelands, and other Federal lands by actively managing them through partnerships with States, tribes, communities, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. The Prescribed Fire Guidance is part of EPA’s broader efforts to facilitate the 2016 Exceptional Events Rule implementation process.

Thank you to those air agencies that provided feedback on the draft *Prescribed Fire Guidance*. Your valuable input helped to improve the product and provided insights into ways we can further strengthen our rule implementation efforts.

I sincerely hope you will find this document to be a useful resource for exceptional events implementation.
